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CONTROL METHOD FOR THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date or the date of filing a CPA, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

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